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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2637

Introduced by Assembly Member Eng

February 22, 2008

An act to amend Section 1752.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry. An act to amend Sections 1725, 1750, 1750.1, and 1752.1 of, to amend and renumber Sections 1753.1, 1754, and 1770 of, to amend, renumber and add Sections 1756 and 1757 of, to add Sections 1750.5, 1752.3, 1752.4, 1753.4, 1754.5, 1755, 1756.1, 1756.2, 1757.1, and 1758 to, to repeal Sections 1751, 1751.1, 1752, 1752.2, 1752.5, and 1753.5 of, and to repeal and add Sections 1750.2, 1750.3, 1750.4, 1752.6, and 1753 of, the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2637, as amended, Eng. Dental auxiliaries.

Existing law, the Dental Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of dentists by the Dental Board of California and dental auxiliaries by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries. Existing law, on and after, January 1, 2010, authorizes an unlicensed dental assistant to perform basic supportive dental procedures, as defined, subject to a determination by the supervising licensed dentist that the dental assistant is competent to perform those procedures. Existing law, until January 1, 2011, requires the board to license as a registered dental assistant a person who files an application prior to September 1, 2009, and submits specified written evidence of either graduation from a specified educational program or specified work experience that is satisfactory to the board. Existing law, on and after January 1, 2010,

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requires the board to license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who submits specified evidence of current licensure as a registered dental assistant or completion of the requirements for licensure, successful completion of a specified extended functions postsecondary program, and board-approved courses in radiation safety, infection control, California dental law, and basic life support, and satisfactory performance on a specified written examination and a clinical or practical examination. Existing law, on and after January 1, 2010, also requires the board to license a person who meets specified requirements as a registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, registered restorative assistant, or registered restorative assistant in extended functions.

This bill would instead extend these licensure requirements, until January 1, 2012, with respect to a person who files an application prior to September 1, 2010. The bill would make related changes to that provision.

This bill would repeal those provisions governing registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, and registered restorative assistants in extended functions.

The bill would, on and after January 1, 2010, specify the duties that a dental assistant is authorized to perform under the general and direct supervision of a supervising licensed dentist.

The bill would revise and recast the registered dental assistant provisions and would require the board to license a person as a registered dental assistant if he or she files an application and submits written evidence that is satisfactory to the board, of either (1) graduation from a board-approved educational program in registered dental assisting, or (2) for individuals applying prior to January 1, 2010, satisfactory work experience, as defined, of at least 12 months or, for individuals applying on and after January 1, 2010, satisfactory work experience of at least 15 months and satisfactory performance on a written and practical examination administered by the committee. The bill would also require that those individuals applying on or after January 1, 2010, to pass a written examination in law and ethics and complete board-approved courses in the act, infection control, and basic life support. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2010, impose specific content requirements for the written and practical examinations and would require the committee to appoint a registered dental assistant examination subcommittee to assign specific procedures for the practical

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examination. The bill would, commencing January 1, 2010, specify the duties a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform. The bill would specify that the fee for the written examination in law and ethics shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

The bill would, on and after January 1, 2010, modify the requirements for a license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions to include, among other things, completion of a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants and passage of a written examination and a clinical or practical examination. The bill would specify the duties and procedures a registered dental assistant in extended functions, licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform, as well as those additional procedures that may be performed under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. The bill would, commencing January 1, 2010, also require applicants for a registered dental assistant in extended functions license to complete a specified examination regarding certain procedures.

The bill would, commencing January 1, 2010, require the board to issue an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit to a person who files a completed application, including a fee, and provides proof of certain eligibility requirements. The bill would authorize a dental assistant, a registered dental assistant, or a registered dental assistant in extended functions to apply for and maintain an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit. The bill would also, commencing January 1, 2010, specify the duties that may be performed by an orthodontic assistant permitholder or a dental sedation assistant permitholder under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. The bill would subject these permitholders to board established continuing education and renewal requirements. The bill would specify that the fee for these permits shall not exceed \$50 and that the fee for the written examination for these permits shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

The bill would require a dental assisting program or course, a permit program or course, a registered dental assistant program, a registered dental assistant in extended function program, an orthodontic assistant permit course, a dental sedation assistant permit course, an infection control course, and an instructional methodology course to meet various requirements, relating to, among other things, administration, facilities, supervision, curriculum, instruction, equipment, and examinations in order to secure and maintain approval by the board.

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Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1725 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:

- 1725. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter that relate to the licensing of dental auxiliaries shall be established by board resolution and subject to the following limitations:
- (a) The application fee for an original license shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20). On and after January 1, 2010, the application fee for an original license shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).
- (b) (1) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50) for the written examination and shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60) for the practical examination.

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- (c) On and after January 1, 2008 2010, the following fees are established for registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, and registered dental assistants: fee for application and for the issuance of an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).
- (A) The fee for application and for the issuance of a license shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).
- (B) The fee for the practical examination shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (C) The fee for a written examination shall not exceed the actual eost of the examination.
- (d) The fee for the written examination for an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.
- (e) The fee for the written examination in law and ethics for a registered dental assistant shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

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(f) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental assistant in extended functions or a registered restorative assistant

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1 in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

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(g) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

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(h) For third- and fourth-year dental students, the fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

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(i) The fee for examination for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in extended functions shall not exceed the actual cost of the examination.

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(j) The board shall establish the fee at an amount not to exceed the actual cost for licensure as a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.

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(k) The biennial renewal fee for a dental auxiliary whose license expires on or after January 1, 1991, shall not exceed sixty dollars (\$60). On or after January 1, 1992, the board may set the renewal fee in an amount not to exceed eighty dollars (\$80).

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(1) The delinquency fee shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) or one-half of the renewal fee, whichever is greater. Any delinquent license may be restored only upon payment of all fees, including the delinquency fee.

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(m) The fee for issuance of a duplicate registration, license, permit, or certificate to replace one that is lost or destroyed, or in the event of a name change, shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).

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(n) The fee for each curriculum review and site evaluation for educational programs for registered dental assistants that are not accredited by a board-approved agency, the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400).

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(o) The fee for review of each approval application for a course that is not accredited by a board-approved agency, the Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, or the Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

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(p) No fees or charges other than those listed in subdivisions (a) through (k) to (n), inclusive, above shall be levied by the board in connection with the licensure of dental auxiliaries, registered dental assistants educational program site evaluations and radiation safety course evaluations pursuant to this chapter.

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(q) Fees fixed by the board pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the approval of the Office of Administrative Law.

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- (r) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Dental Auxiliary Fund.
- SEC. 2. Section 1750 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is amended to read:
- 1750. (a) A dental assistant is a person who may perform basic supportive dental procedures as authorized by this article under the supervision of a licensed dentist and who may perform basic supportive procedures as authorized pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1751 under the supervision of a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.
- (b) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform allowable functions.

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- (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 3. Section 1750 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 7 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is amended to read:
- 37 1750. (a) A dental assistant is an individual who, without a 38 license, may perform basic supportive dental procedures, as 39 authorized by this article Section 1750.1 and by regulations adopted 40 by the board, under the supervision of a licensed dentist. "Basic

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supportive dental procedures" are those procedures that have technically elementary characteristics, are completely reversible, and are unlikely to precipitate potentially hazardous conditions for the patient being treated. These basic supportive dental procedures may be performed under general supervision. These basic supportive dental procedures do not include those procedures authorized in Section 1750.3 or Section 1753.1, or by the board pursuant to Section 1751 for registered assistants.

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- (b) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform the basic supportive dental procedures, *as* authorized—pursuant to subdivision (a) by Section 1750.1.
- (c) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for assuring ensuring that each dental assistant, registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, registered restorative assistant, registered restorative assistant in extended functions, registered dental assistant, and registered dental assistant in extended functions, who is in his or her continuous employ for 120 days or more, has successfully completed both all of the following within a year of the date of employment:
- (1) Board-approved courses in infection control and California law.
- (2) A course in basic life support offered by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or any other course approved by the board as equivalent.
- (d) Prior to operating radiographic equipment or applying for licensure as a registered dental assistant under Section 1752.5, an auxiliary described in subdivision (e) shall successfully complete a radiation safety course approved by the board.
 - (1) A board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act.
- (2) A board-approved eight-hour course in infection control that meets the requirements of Section 1756.
- (3) A course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- (d) The supervising licensed dentist shall ensure that the dental
 assistant maintains certification in basic life support.
 - (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.
- 39 SEC. 4. Section 1750.1 of the Business and Professions Code 40 is amended to read:

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1 1750.1. The practice of dental assisting does not include any of the following procedures:

- 1750.1. (a) A dental assistant may perform the following duties under the general supervision of a supervising licensed dentist:
- (1) Extra-oral duties or procedures specified by the supervising licensed dentist, provided that these duties or procedures meet the definition of a basic supportive procedure specified in Section 1750.
- (2) Operate dental radiography equipment for the purpose of oral radiography if the dental assistant has complied with the requirements of Section 1656.
 - (3) Perform intraoral and extraoral photography.
- (b) A dental assistant may perform the following duties under the direct supervision of a supervising licensed dentist:
 - (1) Apply nonaerosol and noncaustic topical agents.
- 16 (2) Apply topical fluoride.
- 17 *(3) Take intraoral impressions for all nonprosthodontic* 18 *appliances.*
 - (4) Take facebow transfers and bite registrations.
 - (5) Place and remove rubber dams or other isolation devices.
 - (6) Place, wedge, and remove matrices for restorative procedures.
 - (7) Remove post-extraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.
 - (8) Perform measurements for the purposes of orthodontic treatment.
 - (9) Cure restorative or orthodontic materials in operative site with a light-curing device.
 - (10) Examine orthodontic appliances.
 - (11) Place and remove orthodontic separators.
 - (12) Remove ligature ties and archwires.
 - (13) After adjustment by the dentist, examine and seat removable orthodontic appliances and deliver care instructions to the patient.
- 34 (14) Remove periodontal dressings.
 - (15) Remove sutures after inspection of the site by the dentist.
- 36 (16) Place patient monitoring sensors.
- 37 (17) Monitor patient sedation, limited to reading and 38 transmitting information from the monitor display during the
- 39 intraoperative phase of surgery for electrocardiogram waveform,
- 40 carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentrations.

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respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, or pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of interpretation and evaluation by a supervising licensed dentist who shall be at the patient's chairside during this procedure.

- (18) Assist in the administration of nitrous oxide when used for analgesia or sedation. A dental assistant shall not start the administration of the gases and shall not adjust the flow of the gases unless instructed to do so by the supervising licensed dentist who shall be present during the patient's chairside during the implementation of these instructions. This paragraph shall not be construed to prevent any person from taking appropriate action in the event of a medical emergency.
- (c) Under the supervision of a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, a dental assistant may perform intraoral retraction and suctioning.
- (d) The board may specify additional allowable duties by regulation.
- (e) The duties of an unlicensed dental assistant or a dental assistant holding a permit in orthodontic assisting or in dental sedation do not include any of the following procedures unless specifically allowed by law:
 - (1) Diagnosis and comprehensive treatment planning.
- (2) Placing, finishing, or removing permanent restorations, except as provided in Section 1753.1.
- (3) Surgery or cutting on hard and soft tissue including, but not limited to, the removal of teeth and the cutting and suturing of soft tissue.
 - (4) Prescribing medication.

- (5) Starting or adjusting local or general anesthesia or oral or parenteral conscious sedation, except for the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen, whether administered alone or in combination with each other and except as otherwise provided in this article by law.
- (f) The duties of an unlicensed dental assistant do not include any duty or procedure that an orthodontic assistant permitholder, a dental sedation assistant permitholder, registered dental assistant, registered dental assistant in extended functions, registered dental hygienist, or a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice is allowed to perform.

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- 2 (g) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.
 - SEC. 5. Section 1750.2 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
 - 1750.2. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a "registered orthodontic assistant," "registered surgery assistant," or "registered restorative assistant" any person who does either of the following:
 - (1) Submits written evidence of satisfactory completion of a course or courses approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) that qualifies him or her in one of these specialty areas of practice and obtains a passing score on both of the following:
 - (A) A written examination approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.
 - (B) A practical examination for the specialty category for which the person is seeking licensure that is approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.
 - (2) Completes a work experience pathway to licensure that meets the requirements set forth in Section 1750.4. This section permits the work experience pathway to licensure only for those assistants described in this subdivision and does not apply to dentists or dental hygienists.
 - (b) The board shall adopt regulations for the approval of specialty registration courses in the specialty areas specified in this section. The board shall also adopt regulations for the approval and recognition of core courses that teach basic dental science.

The regulations shall define the minimum education and training requirements necessary to achieve proficiency in the procedures authorized for each specialty registration, taking into account the combinations of classroom and practical instruction, clinical training, and supervised work experience that are most likely to

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provide the greatest number of opportunities for improving dental assisting skills efficiently.

- (e) The board may approve specialty registration courses referred to in this section prior to January 1, 2010, and the board shall recognize the completion of these approved courses prior to January 1, 2010, but no specialty registrations shall be issued prior to January 1, 2010.
- (d) The board may approve a course for the specialty registration listed in subdivision (b) that does not include instruction in coronal polishing.
- (e) The board may approve a course that only includes instruction in coronal polishing as specified in paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) of Section 1750.3.
- (f) A person who holds a specialty registration pursuant to this section shall be subject to the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).
- SEC. 6. Section 1750.2 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1750.2. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall issue an orthodontic assistant permit to a person who files a completed application including a fee and provides evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:
- (1) Completion of at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant.
- (2) Successful completion of a board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act and a board-approved, eight-hour course in infection control that meets the requirements of Section 1756.
- (3) Successful completion of a course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- (4) Successful completion of a board-approved course in all of the duties specified in Section 1750.3, which may commence after the completion of six months of work experience as a dental assistant. The course shall be a minimum of 84 hours in length.
- (5) Passage of a written examination administered by the committee after completion of all of the other requirements of this subdivision. The written examination shall encompass the

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1 knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform 2 the duties specified in Section 1750.3.

- (b) A person who holds an orthodontic assistant permit pursuant to this section shall be subject to all continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).
- SEC. 7. Section 1750.3 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 1750.3. (a) A registered orthodontic assistant may perform all of the following dental procedures, as well as those authorized by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751:
 - (1) Any duties that a dental assistant may perform.
- (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
- (3) Placing metal orthodontic separators.
- 18 (4) Placing ligatures and arch wires.
- 19 (5) Taking orthodontic impressions.
- 20 (6) Sizing, fitting, cementing, and removal of orthodontic bands.
 - (7) Selecting, prepositioning, curing in a position approved by the supervising dentist, and removal of orthodontic brackets.
 - (8) Coronal polishing.
- 24 (9) Preparing teeth for bonding.
 - (10) Applying bleaching agents and activating bleaching agents with nonlaser, light-curing devices.
 - (11) Removal of excess cement from coronal surfaces of teeth under orthodontic treatment by means of a hand instrument or an ultrasonic scaler.
 - (12) Taking facebow transfers and bite registrations for diagnostic models for ease study only.
 - (b) A registered surgery assistant may perform the following dental procedures, as well as those authorized by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751:
 - (1) Any duties that a dental assistant may perform.
 - (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.
- 39 (3) Monitoring of patients during the preoperative, 40 intraoperative, and postoperative phases.

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(A) For purposes of this paragraph, patient monitoring includes the following:

- (i) Selection and validation of monitoring sensors, selecting menus and default settings and analysis for electrocardiogram, pulse oximeter and capnograph, continuous blood pressure, pulse, and respiration rates.
- (ii) Interpretation of data from noninvasive patient monitors including readings from continuous blood pressure and information from the monitor display for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentration, respiratory eycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, and pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of evaluating the condition of the patient during preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative treatment.
- (B) For purposes of this paragraph, patient monitoring does not include the following:
- (i) Reading and transmitting information from the monitor display during the intraoperative phase of surgery for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentrations, respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, or pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of interpretation and evaluation by a licensed dentist who shall be at chairside during this procedure.
 - (ii) Placing of sensors.

- (4) Taking impressions for surgical splints and occlusal guards.
- (5) Placement of surgical dressings.
- (6) Adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe, provided that a licensed dentist is present at the patient's chairside.
 - (7) Removal of intravenous lines.
- (8) Coronal polishing, provided that evidence of satisfactory completion of a board-approved course in this function has been submitted to the board prior to the performance thereof.
- (c) A registered restorative assistant may perform all of the following dental procedures, as well as those authorized by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751:
 - (1) Any duties that a dental assistant may perform.
- (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing teeth.

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(3) Sizing, fitting, adjusting, intraorally fabricating, temporarily 1 2 cementing, and removing temporary crowns and other temporary 3 restorations.

- (4) Placing bases and liners on sound dentin.
- (5) Removing excess cement from supragingival surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument or an ultrasonic scaler.
- (6) Taking facebow transfers and bite registrations for diagnostic models for ease study only.
- (7) Taking impressions for space-maintaining appliances and 9 occlusal guards. 10
 - (8) Coronal polishing.

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- (9) Applying pit and fissure sealants.
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 - (11) Placement of surgical dressings.
 - (d) The supervising dentist shall be responsible for determining the level of supervision required for assistants registered pursuant to this section.
 - (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.
- 20 SEC. 8. Section 1750.3 is added to the Business and Professions 21 Code, to read:
 - 1750.3. A person holding an orthodontic assistant permit pursuant to Section 1750.2 may perform the following duties under the direct supervision of a supervising licensed dentist:
 - (a) All duties that an unlicensed dental assistant is allowed to perform.
 - (b) Prepare teeth for bonding, and select, preposition, and cure orthodontic brackets after their position has been approved by the supervising licensed dentist.
 - (c) Remove only orthodontic brackets and attachments with removal of the bonding material by the supervising licensed dentist.
 - (d) Size, fit, and cement orthodontic bands.
- 33 (e) Remove orthodontic bands and remove excess cement from 34 supragingival surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument. 35
 - (f) Place and ligate archwires.
- (g) Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from 36 37 *supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.*
- 38 SEC. 9. Section 1750.4 of the Business and Professions Code 39 is repealed.

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1750.4. (a) A dentist who holds an active, current, and unrestricted license to practice dentistry under this chapter may train and educate his or her employees, or employees of the dental office, primary care clinic, or hospital where the dentist is practicing and directly supervises the employees, without charge or cost to the employees, in all of the allowable duties for the purpose of licensure in one of the specialty licensure categories set forth in Section 1750.2. A dentist may not begin the work experience training and education of an employee until his or her application for that particular employee is approved by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries. For purposes of this subdivision, an unrestricted license means a license that is not suspended, placed on probation, or restricted pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1635.5.

- (1) In order to train or educate pursuant to this subdivision, the dentist shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which are applicable prior to commencing training for each employee:
- (A) On a completed and signed application form approved by the committee, the dentist shall provide the specialty dental assistant category in which the dentist will be training the employee and the name of the employee. When the committee provides a requested application to an employer, the committee shall also provide a copy of the regulations governing the education and training of the specialty assistants or provide access to the regulations on the committee's Internet Web site.
- (B) The education and training the dentist provides shall be in compliance with the regulations adopted by the board pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 1750.2. Employees trained pursuant to this section shall be considered bona fide students, as described in Section 1626.5, as added by Section 6 of Chapter 655 of the Statutes of 1999. The dentist shall not allow the employee to begin the clinical training on patients until the employee has completed the didactic and preclinical training, which includes nonpatient training on typodonts and other laboratory models and as prescribed in regulations, and a minimum of 120 days as a dental assistant in California or another state, which may include graduation from a regional occupational center or regional occupation program pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

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(C) The dentist shall pay a fee to the committee to cover administrative costs not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each employee he or she is training and educating. If a dentist is training and educating an employee in more than one of the specialty licensure categories at the same time, the dentist shall pay the fee for each category in which the employee is being trained and educated.

- (D) Prior to beginning employee training, the dentist shall complete a teaching methodology course approved by the board that is six hours in length and covers educational objectives, content, instructional methods, and evaluation procedures. The dentist shall be exempt from this requirement if he or she holds any one of the following degrees, credentials, or positions:
 - (i) A postgraduate degree in education.
- (ii) A Ryan Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential.
 - (iii) A Standard Designated Subjects Teaching Credential.
 - (iv) A Community College Teaching Credential.
- (v) Is a faculty member of a dental school approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The dentist shall provide to the board proof of one of these designations or shall submit a certificate of course completion in teaching methodology.

- (2) All duties performed by an employee pursuant to this section shall be done in the dentist's presence. The dentist shall ensure that any patient treated by a bona fide student is verbally informed of the student's status.
- (3) The work experience pathway for the employee shall not exceed a term of 18 months, starting on the date that the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries approves the application submitted by the dentist for that employee.
- (4) Upon successful completion of the work experience pathway period, the dentist shall certify in writing that the employee has successfully completed the educational program covering all procedures authorized for the specialty category for which the employee is seeking licensure.
 - (5) With respect to this subdivision, the committee:
- (A) Shall approve the application form described in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1). The application form shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 3.5

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(commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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- (B) Shall have a maximum of 60 days from the date a completed application is received in which to approve or deny an application under this subdivision. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a dentist from appealing the denial of an application to the executive officer of the committee.
- (C) May inspect the dentist's facilities and practice at any time to ensure compliance with regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 1750.2.
- (D) May revoke an approval for a dentist to provide training or education pursuant to this section if the dentist is disciplined by the board, fails to provide the training or education in accordance with the law and regulations governing the specialty licensure eategory, or fails to allow an inspection by the committee, or other good cause. A dentist whose approval is revoked may appeal the revocation to the committee's executive officer.
- (E) May limit by regulations, approved by the board, the number of times a dentist may train or educate an individual employee in one or more of the specialty licensure categories.
- (F) May limit by regulations, approved by the board, the number of employees a dentist may train during the same time period.
- (G) May by regulations, approved by the board, require an applicant for licensure who has repeatedly failed to pass either the written or practical examination for the specialty licensure category to complete additional training and education before he or she is allowed to retake the examination.
- (b) As a condition for licensure for specialty registration under Section 1750.2, an applicant who completes a work experience pathway pursuant to this section shall do the following:
- (1) Certify to the board that he or she has a minimum of 1600 hours of prior work experience as a dental assistant. The 1600 hours of required work experience may be obtained by working for multiple employers, if the applicant provides written evidence of work experience from each dentist employer. The employee may begin the work experience pathway before he or she completes 1600 hours of work experience, but may not apply for licensure until that work experience is completed. The board shall give credit toward the 1600 hours of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary

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institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or
 regional occupation program that is not approved by the board.
 The credit shall equal the hours spent in classroom training and internship on an hour-for-hour basis not to exceed 400 hours.

- (2) Certify to the board that he or she has completed the educational program covering all procedures authorized for the specialty category for which the applicant is seeking licensure.
- (3) Obtain a passing score on a written examination that is approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity that is recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.
- (4) Obtain a passing score on the practical examination for the specialty category for which the employee is seeking licensure that is approved by the board and administered by the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA) or by an entity recommended by COMDA. COMDA may enter into a written agreement with a public or private organization for the administration of the examination. All aspects of the examination shall comply with Section 139.
- SEC. 10. Section 1750.4 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1750.4. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall issue a dental sedation assistant permit to a person who files a completed application including a fee and provides evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:
- (1) Completion of at least 12 months of work experience as a dental assistant.
- (2) Successful completion of a board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act and a board-approved, eight-hour course in infection control that meets the requirements of Section 1756.
- (3) Successful completion of a course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- (4) Successful completion of a board-approved course in all of the duties specified in Section 1750.5, which may commence after

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the completion of six months of work experience as a dental assistant. The course shall be a minimum of 110 hours in length.

- (5) Passage of a written examination administered by the committee after completion of all of the other requirements of this subdivision. The written examination shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties specified in Section 1750.5.
- (b) A person who holds a permit pursuant to this section shall be subject to the continuing education requirements established by the board pursuant to Section 1645 and the renewal requirements of Article 6 (commencing with Section 1715).
- SEC. 11. Section 1750.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1750.5. A person holding a dental sedation assistant permit pursuant to Section 1750.4 may perform the following duties under the direct supervision of a supervising licensed dentist:
- (a) All duties that an unlicensed dental assistant is allowed to perform.
- (b) Monitor patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases, using noninvasive instrumentation such as pulse oximeters, electrocardiograms, and capnography, limited to selection and validation of monitoring sensors, selecting menus and default settings and analysis for electrocardiogram, pulse oximeter and capnograph, continuous blood pressure, pulse, and respiration rates; interpretation of data from noninvasive patient monitors, including readings from continuous blood pressure and information from the monitor display for electrocardiogram waveform, carbon dioxide and end tidal carbon dioxide concentration, respiratory cycle data, continuous noninvasive blood pressure data, and pulse arterial oxygen saturation measurements, for the purpose of evaluating the condition of the patient during preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative treatment.
- (c) Drug identification and draw, limited to identification of appropriate medications, ampule and vial preparation, and withdrawing drugs of correct amount as verified by the supervising licensed dentist.
- (d) Add drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe, provided that a supervising licensed dentist is present at the patient's chairside, limited to determining patency of

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(e) Removal of intravenous lines.

SEC. 12. Section 1751 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 13 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is repealed.

1751. (a) The board, upon recommendation of the committee, shall adopt regulations governing the procedures that dental assistants, registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, registered dental assistants, registered restorative assistants in extended functions, and registered dental assistants in extended functions are authorized to perform consistent with and necessary to implement the provisions of this article, and the settings within which each may practice.

(b) The board shall conduct an initial review of the procedures. supervision level, settings under which they may be performed, and utilization of extended functions dental auxiliaries by January 1, 2012. The board shall submit the results of its review to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection. After the initial review, a review shall be conducted at least once every five to seven years thereafter and the board shall update regulations as necessary to keep them current with the state of dental practice.

(c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.

SEC. 13. Section 1751.1 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

1751.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to expedite the implementation of the provisions in Chapter 667 of the Statutes of 2004 and Senate Bill 1111 of the 2005-06 Regular Session relating to educational programs and courses for registered orthodontic assistants, registered surgery assistants, registered restorative assistants, registered dental assistants, registered restorative assistants in extended functions, and registered dental assistants in extended functions and to ensure consistency between these provisions, in initially adopting regulations pursuant to Sections 1750.2, 1752.2, 1752.5, 1752.6, 1753 and 1757, the board shall publish a notice of proposed regulatory action for each of the above regulations on the same date in the same year.

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SEC. 14. Section 1752 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 14 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is repealed.

- 1752. (a) The supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining the competency of the dental assistant to perform allowable functions.
- (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 15. Section 1752 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is repealed.
- 1752. (a) A "registered dental assistant in extended functions" is an individual licensed pursuant to this article who may perform basic restorative services and direct patient care, as authorized by Sections 1750, 1750.3, and 1753.1, and by the board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751 under the supervision of a licensed dentist.
- (b) A "registered restorative assistant in extended functions" is an individual licensed pursuant to this article who may perform basic restorative services and direct patient care, as authorized by Section 1750, subdivision (c) of Section 1750.3, and Section 1753.1, and by board regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751 under the supervision of a licensed dentist.
- (c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010. SECTION 1.
 - SEC. 16. Section 1752.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 1752.1. (a) The board shall license as a registered dental assistant a person who files an application prior to September 1, 2010, and submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of either one of the following *eligibility* requirements:
 - (1) Graduation from an educational program in *registered* dental assisting approved by the board, and satisfactory performance on *a* written and practical examinations required by the board examination administered by the committee.
 - (2) Satisfactory work experience of more than 12 months as a
 - (2) For individuals applying prior to January 1, 2010, evidence of completion of satisfactory work experience of at least 12 months as a dental assistant in California or another state and satisfactory

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performance on a written and practical examination required by the board. administered by the committee.

- (3) For individuals applying on or after January 1, 2010, evidence of completion of satisfactory work experience of at least 15 months as a dental assistant in California or another state and satisfactory performance on a written and practical examination administered by the committee.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "satisfactory work experience" means performance of the duties specified in Section 1750.1 in a competent manner as determined by the employing dentist, who shall certify to such satisfactory work experience in the application.
- (c) The board shall give credit toward the 12 months work experience referred to in this subdivision section to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution approved by the Department of Education or in a secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupational program, that are not, however, approved by the board pursuant to subdivision (a). The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis not to exceed 16 weeks. The board, in cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, shall establish the minimum criteria for the curriculum of nonboard-approved programs. Additionally, the board shall notify those programs only if the program's curriculum does not meet established minimum criteria, as established for board-approved registered dental assistant programs, except any requirement that the program be given in a postsecondary institution. Graduates of programs not meeting established minimum criteria shall not qualify for satisfactory work experience as defined by this section. (b)
- (d) In addition to the requirements specified in subdivision (a), each applicant for registered dental assistant licensure on or after July 1, 2002, shall provide evidence of having successfully completed board-approved courses in radiation safety and coronal polishing as a condition of licensure. The length and content of the courses shall be governed by applicable board regulations.
- (c) An applicant who fails to pass the written and practical examinations required by this section on or before June 30, 2011, shall not be eligible for further reexamination and must apply for and meet the requirements for registered dental assistant licensure

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specified in Section 1752.5. Between September 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011, an applicant shall only be allowed to apply to take the written examination two times, and shall only be allowed to apply to take the practical examination two times.

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- (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends that date.
- (e) In addition to the requirement specified in subdivisions (a) and (d), individuals applying for registered dental assistant licensure on or after January 1, 2010, shall demonstrate satisfactory performance on a written examination in law and ethics administered by the committee and shall provide written evidence of successful completion within five years prior to application of all of the following:
 - (1) A board-approved course in the Dental Practice Act.
- (2) A board-approved eight-hour course in infection control that meets the requirements of Section 1756.
- (3) A course in basic life support offered by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- (f) A registered dental assistant may apply for and maintain an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit, or both, by adhering to the following:
- (1) Successful completion of a board-approved course pursuant to Section 1756.1 or 1756.2, as applicable.
- (2) Passage of a written examination administered by the committee that shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to competently perform the duties of the particular permit.
- (g) A registered dental assistant with permits in either orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting shall be referred to as an "RDA with orthodontic assistant permit," or "RDA with dental sedation assistant permit," as applicable.
- (h) The continuing education requirements for a registered dental assistant shall be deemed to satisfy the continuing education requirements for renewal of a permit in orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting, or both.
- 38 SEC. 17. Section 1752.2 of the Business and Professions Code 39 is repealed.

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1752.2. (a) A board-approved educational program in registered dental assisting, as provided in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 1752.5, is a program that has met the requirements for approval pursuant to board regulations.

- (b) An educational program in registered dental assisting that has been approved by the board prior to January 1, 2010, to teach the duties that a registered dental assistant was allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, shall continue to be so approved on and after January 1, 2010, if it has certified no later than November 30, 2009, on a form specified by the board, that it shall provide instruction in all duties that registered dental assistants shall be allowed to perform on and after January 1, 2010, with the exception of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe and the monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases.
- (e) The board may at any time conduct a thorough evaluation of an approved educational program's curriculum and facilities to determine whether the program meets the requirements for approval as specified in board regulations.
- SEC. 18. Section 1752.3 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1752.3. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the written examination for registered dental assistant licensure required by Section 1752.1 shall comply with Section 139.
- (b) On and after January 1, 2010, the practical examination for registered dental assistant licensure required by Section 1752.1 shall consist of any of the three procedures described in paragraphs (1) to (5), inclusive. The specific procedures shall be assigned by a registered dental assistant examination subcommittee appointed by the committee and shall be graded by examiners appointed by the committee. The procedures shall be performed on a fully articulated maxillary and mandibular typodont secured with a bench clamp. Each applicant shall furnish the required materials necessary to complete the examination.
- *(1) Place a base.*
- 37 (2) Place a liner.
 - (3) Place, adjust, and finish a direct provisional restoration.
- 39 (4) Fabricate and adjust an indirect provisional restoration.
- 40 (5) Cement an indirect provisional restoration.

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SEC. 19. Section 1752.4 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

- 1752.4. (a) A registered dental assistant may perform all of the following duties:
- (1) All duties that an unlicensed dental assistant is allowed to perform.
- 7 (2) Mouth-mirror inspections of the oral cavity, to include 8 charting of obvious lesions, existing restorations, and missing 9 teeth.
- 10 (3) Apply and activate bleaching agents using a nonlaser 11 light-curing device.
- 12 (4) Use of automated caries detection devices and materials to gather information for diagnosis by the dentist.
 - (5) Obtain intraoral images for computer-aided design (CAD), milled restorations.
 - (6) Pulp vitality testing and recording of findings.
 - (7) Place bases, liners, and bonding agents.
- 18 (8) Chemically prepare teeth for bonding.

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- (10) Fabricate, adjust, cement, and remove indirect provisional restorations, including stainless steel crowns when used as a provisional restoration.
- (11) Place postextraction dressings after inspection of the surgical site by the supervising licensed dentist.
 - (12) Place periodontal dressings.
- (13) Dry endodontically treated canals using absorbent paper points.
 - (14) Adjust dentures extra-orally.
- 29 (15) Remove excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand 30 instrument.
 - (16) Polish coronal surfaces of the teeth.
 - (17) Place ligature ties and archwires.
- 33 (18) Remove orthodontic bands.
 - (19) All duties that the board may prescribe by regulation.
- 35 (b) A registered dental assistant may only perform the following 36 additional duties if he or she has completed a board-approved
- 37 registered dental assistant educational program in those duties,
- 38 or if he or she has provided evidence, satisfactory to the committee,
- 39 of having completed a board-approved course in those duties.

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(1) Remove excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler from supragingival surfaces of teeth undergoing orthodontic treatment.

- (2) The allowable duties of an orthodontic assistant permitholder as specified in Section 1750.3. A registered dental assistant shall not be required to complete further instruction in the duties of placing ligature ties and archwires, removing orthodontic bands, and removing excess cement from tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.
- 9 (3) The allowable duties of a dental sedation assistant 10 permitholder as specified in Section 1750.5.
 - (4) The application of pit and fissure sealants.
 - (c) Except as provided in Section 1777, the supervising licensed dentist shall be responsible for determining whether each authorized procedure performed by a registered dental assistant should be performed under general or direct supervision.
 - (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010. SEC. 20. Section 1752.5 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
 - 1752.5. On and after September 1, 2009, a person may apply for and be issued a license as a registered dental assistant upon obtaining a passing score on a written and practical examination required by the board and providing evidence to the board of one of the following:
 - (a) Successful completion of an educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board on or after January 1, 2008, to teach all of the functions specified in Section 1750.3, with the exception of the duties of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines using a syringe and the monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases.
 - (b) Successful completion of:
 - (1) An educational program in registered dental assisting approved by the board to teach the duties that registered dental assistants were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010.
 - (2) A board-approved course or courses in the following duties:
 - (A) Selecting, prepositioning, curing in a position approved by the supervising dentist, and removal of orthodontic brackets.
- 39 (B) Applying pit and fissure scalants.
 - (c) Successful completion of:

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(1) Twelve months of satisfactory work experience as a dental assistant in California or another state. The board shall give credit toward the 12 months of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that are not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis not to exceed 16 weeks.

- (2) The three board-approved specialty registration courses, as defined in Section 1750.2, for registration as a registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, and registered restorative assistant. Any specialty license issued pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1750.2 shall be deemed to have met the requirements of this subdivision for that specialty.
 - (3) A board-approved radiation safety program.
- SEC. 21. Section 1752.6 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 1752.6. A registered dental assistant may perform all duties and procedures that a dental assistant, registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, and a registered restorative assistant are allowed to perform, as well as those procedures authorized by regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1751, except for the following:
- (a) A registered dental assistant who qualifies for licensure under subdivision (a) of Section 1752.5 may only perform the registered surgery assistant duties of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines and the monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases after providing evidence of completion of a board-approved course or courses in these duties.
- (b) A registered dental assistant licensed on or before July 1, 2010, who qualified for licensure prior to September 1, 2009, may only perform the following duties after the completion of a board-approved course or courses in the following duties:
- (1) Selecting, prepositioning, curing in a position approved by the supervising dentist, and removal of orthodontic brackets.
- (2) Monitoring of patients during the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative phases, using noninvasive

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instrumentation such as pulse oximeters, electrocardiograms, and
 capnography.

- (3) Adding drugs, medications, and fluids to intravenous lines.
- (4) Applying pit and fissure sealants.
- (c) The supervising dentist shall be responsible for determining the level of supervision required for authorized procedures performed by registered dental assistants.
 - (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.
- SEC. 22. Section 1752.6 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1752.6. A registered dental assistant licensed on and after January 1, 2010, shall provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants prior to the first expiration of his or her license that requires the completion of continuing education as a condition of renewal. The license of a registered dental assistant who does not provide evidence of successful completion of that course shall not be renewed until evidence of course completion is provided.
- SEC. 23. Section 1753 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 1753. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following:
- (1) Current licensure as a registered dental assistant, or completion of the requirements for licensure as a registered dental assistant, as provided in Section 1752.5.
 - (2) Successful completion of either of the following:
- (A) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.1.
- (B) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board on or before July 1, 2009, to teach the duties that registered dental assistants in extended functions were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, and a course approved by the board in the procedures specified in paragraphs (8) through (13) of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1.
- (3) Successful completion of board-approved courses in radiation safety and, within the last two years, courses in infection control, California dental law, and basic life support.

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(4) Satisfactory performance on a written examination and a clinical or practical examination specified by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the committee or by the board-approved extended functions program.

- (b) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered restorative assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following:
- (1) Completion of 12 months of satisfactory work experience as a dental assistant in California or another state. The board shall give credit toward the 12 months of work experience to persons who have graduated from a dental assisting program in a postsecondary institution, secondary institution, regional occupational center, or regional occupation program that are not approved by the board. The credit shall equal the total weeks spent in classroom training and internship on a week-for-week basis, not to exceed 16 weeks.
- (2) Successful completion of a board-approved course in radiation safety, and, within the last two years, courses in infection control, California dental law, and basic life support.
- (3) Successful completion of a postsecondary program approved by the board for restorative dental assisting specialty registration specified in subdivision (c) of Section 1750.3.
- (4) Successful completion of an extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.1.
- (5) Satisfactory performance on a written examination and a elinical or practical examination specified by the board. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the committee or by the board-approved extended functions program.
- (e) In approving extended functions postsecondary programs required to be completed for licensure pursuant to this section, the board shall require that the programs be taught by persons having prior experience teaching the applicable procedures specified in Section 1753.1, or procedures otherwise authorized by the board pursuant to Section 1751, in a dental school approved either by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or a comparable

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 organization approved by the board. Approved programs shall include didactic, laboratory, and clinical modalities.

- (d) The board may approve extended functions postsecondary programs referred to in this section prior to January 1, 2010, and the board shall recognize the completion of these approved programs prior to January 1, 2010.
- SEC. 24. Section 1753 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
 - 1753. (a) On and after January 1, 2010, the board shall license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who submits written evidence, satisfactory to the board, of all of the following eligibility requirements:
 - (1) Current licensure as a registered dental assistant or completion of the requirements for licensure as a registered dental assistant.
 - (2) Successful completion of a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants.
 - (3) Successful completion of either of the following:
 - (A) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board in all of the procedures specified in Section 1753.5.
 - (B) An extended functions postsecondary program approved by the board to teach the duties that registered dental assistants in extended functions were allowed to perform pursuant to board regulations prior to January 1, 2010, and a course approved by the board in the procedures specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (7) to (11), inclusive, of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.5.
 - (4) Passage of a written examination and a clinical or practical examination administered by the committee. The board shall designate whether the written examination shall be administered by the committee or by the board-approved extended functions program.
 - (b) A registered dental assistant in extended functions may apply for and maintain an orthodontic assistant permit or a dental sedation assistant permit, or both, by meeting all of the following requirements:
 - (1) Successful completion of a board-approved course pursuant to Section 1756.1 or 1756.2, as applicable.
- (2) Passage of a written examination administered by the committee that shall encompass the knowledge, skills, and abilities

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1 necessary to competently perform the duties of the particular 2 permit.

- (c) A registered dental assistant in extended functions with permits in either orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting shall be referred to as an "RDAEF with orthodontic assistant permit," or "RDAEF with dental sedation assistant permit," as applicable.
- (d) The continuing education requirements for a registered dental assistant in extended functions shall be deemed to satisfy the continuing education requirements for renewal of a permit in orthodontic assisting or dental sedation assisting, or both.
- 12 SEC. 25. Section 1753.1 of the Business and Professions Code 13 is amended and renumbered to read:

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- 1753.5. (a) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform all duties and procedures that a registered dental assistant is authorized to perform as specified in and limited by Section 1752.4, and those duties that the board may prescribe by regulation—pursuant to Section 1751.
- (b) A registered dental assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform the following additional procedures under direct supervision and pursuant to the order, control, and full professional responsibility of a licensed dentist:
 - (1) Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures.
 - (2) Taking impressions for east restorations.
- (3) Formulating indirect patterns for endodontic post and core eastings.
 - (4) Fitting trial endodontic filling points.
- (5) Drying canals previously opened by the supervising dentist, with absorbent points.
 - (6) Testing pulp vitality.
- (7) Removing excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.
- (8) Fitting and cementing stainless steel crowns.
- 37 (9) Placing, condensing, and carving amalgam restorations.
 - (10) Placing class I, III, and V nonmetallic restorations.
- 39 (11) Taking facebow transfers and bite registrations for fixed 40 prostheses.

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1 (12) Taking final impressions for tooth-borne, removable 2 prostheses.

- (13) Placing and adjusting permanent crowns for cementation by the dentist.
 - (14) Applying etchants for bonding restorative materials.
- (15) Other procedures authorized by regulations adopted by the board pursuant to Section 1751.
- (c) A registered restorative assistant in extended functions licensed on or after January 1, 2010, is authorized to perform all duties and procedures that a registered restorative assistant is authorized to perform, those duties that the board may prescribe by regulation pursuant to Section 1751, and the duties specified in subdivision (b) of this section.
- (1) Conduct preliminary evaluation of the patient's oral health, including, but not limited to, charting, intraoral and extra-oral evaluation of soft tissue, classifying occlusion, and myofunctional evaluation.
- (2) Perform oral health assessments in school-based, community health project settings under the direction of a dentist, registered dental hygienist, or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.
 - (3) Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures.
 - (4) Size and fit endodontic master points and accessory points.
 - (5) Cement endodontic master points and accessory points.
- (6) Take final impressions for permanent indirect restorations.
 - (7) Take final impressions for tooth-borne removable prosthesis.
 - (8) Polish and contour existing amalgam restorations.
- (9) Place, contour, finish, and adjust all direct restorations.
- 29 (10) Adjust and cement permanent indirect restorations.
- 30 (11) Other procedures authorized by regulations adopted by 31 the board.

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- (c) All procedures required to be performed under direct supervision shall be checked and approved by the supervising *licensed* dentist prior to the patient's dismissal from the office.
- 36 SEC. 26. Section 1753.4 is added to the Business and 37 Professions Code, to read:
- 38 1753.4. On and after January 1, 2010, each applicant for 39 licensure as a registered dental assistant in extended functions 40 shall successfully complete a practical examination consisting of

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the procedures described in subdivisions (a) and (b). On and after 1 2 January 1, 2010, each person who holds a current and active 3 registered dental assistant in extended functions license issued 4 prior to January 1, 2010, who wishes to perform the duties 5 specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (5), and (7) to (11), inclusive, of 6 subdivision (b) of Section 1753.5, shall successfully complete a 7 practical examination consisting of the procedures described in 8 subdivision (b). The specific procedures shall be assigned by a 9 registered dental assistant in extended functions examination 10 subcommittee appointed by the committee and shall be graded by 11 examiners appointed by the committee. Each applicant shall furnish 12 the required materials necessary to complete the examination. 13

- (a) Successful completion of the following two procedures on a patient provided by the applicant. The prepared tooth, prior to preparation, shall have had mesial and distal contact. The preparation performed shall have margins at or below the free gingival crest and shall be one of the following: 7/8 crown, 3/4 crown, or full crown, including porcelain fused to metal. Alginate impression materials alone shall not be acceptable:
 - (1) Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures.
 - (2) Take a final impression for a permanent indirect restoration.
- (b) Successful completion of two of the following procedures on a simulated patient head mounted in appropriate position and accommodating an articulated typodont in an enclosed intraoral environment, or mounted on a dental chair in a dental operatory:
 - (1) Place, condense, and carve an amalgam restoration.
 - (2) Place and contour a nonmetallic direct restoration.
 - (3) Polish and contour an existing amalgam restoration.
- SEC. 27. Section 1753.5 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 1753.5. A registered dental assistant may apply pit and fissure sealants under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, after providing evidence to the board of having completed a board-approved course in that procedure.
- SEC. 28. Section 1754 of the Business and Professions Code is amended and renumbered to read:
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1752.4. (a) By September 15, 1993, the board, upon recommendation of the committee and consistent with this article, standards of good dental practice, and the health and welfare of

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patients, shall adopt regulations relating to the functions that may be performed by registered dental assistants under direct or general supervision, and the settings within which registered dental assistants may work. At least once every seven years thereafter, the board shall review the list of functions performable by registered dental assistants, the supervision level, and settings under which they may be performed, and shall update the regulations as needed to keep them current with the state of the practice.

(b) A registered dental assistant may apply pit and fissure sealants under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, after providing evidence to the board of having completed a board-approved course in that procedure.

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- (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 29. Section 1754.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1754.5. As used in this article, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) "Didactic instruction" means lectures, demonstrations, and other instruction without active participation by students. The approved provider or its designee may provide didactic instruction via electronic media, home study materials, or live lecture methodology if the provider has submitted that content for approval.
- (b) "Laboratory instruction" means instruction in which students receive supervised experience performing procedures using study models, mannequins, or other simulation methods. There shall be at least one instructor for every 14 students who are simultaneously engaged in laboratory instruction.
- (c) "Preclinical instruction" means instruction in which students receive supervised experience performing procedures on students, faculty, or staff members. There shall be at least one instructor for every six students who are simultaneously engaged in preclinical instruction.
- (d) "Clinical instruction" means instruction in which students receive supervised experience in performing procedures in a clinical setting on patients. Clinical instruction shall only be

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performed upon successful demonstration and evaluation of preclinical skills. There shall be at least one instructor for every six students who are simultaneously engaged in clinical instruction.

- SEC. 30. Section 1755 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1755. (a) (1) The criteria in subdivisions (b) to (h), inclusive, shall be met by a dental assisting program or course and all orthodontic assisting and dental sedation assisting permit programs or courses to secure and maintain approval by the board as provided in this article.
- (2) The board may approve, provisionally approve, or deny approval of any program or course.
- (3) Program and course records shall be subject to inspection by the board at any time.
- (4) The board may withdraw approval at any time that it determines that a program or course does not meet the requirements established in this section or any other requirements of law.
- (5) All programs and courses shall be established at the postsecondary educational level or deemed equivalent thereto by the board.
- (b) The program or course director and each faculty member shall possess a valid, active, and current license issued by the board. Each faculty member shall have been licensed for a minimum of two years and possess experience in the subject matter he or she is teaching. No faculty member shall instruct in any procedure that he or she is not licensed to perform. The program or course director shall actively participate in and be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the program or course, including both of the following:
- (1) Maintaining for a period of not less than five years copies of curricula, program outlines, objectives, and grading criteria, and copies of faculty credentials, licenses, and certifications, and individual student records, including those necessary to establish satisfactory completion of the program or course.
- (2) Informing the committee of any major change to the program or course content, physical facilities, or faculty, within 10 days of the change.
- (c) A certificate or other evidence of completion shall be issued to each student who successfully completes the program or course

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and shall include the student's name, name of the program or course, the total number of program or course hours, the date of completion, and the signature of the program or course director or his or her designee.

- (d) Facilities and class scheduling shall provide each student with sufficient opportunity, with instructor supervision, to develop minimum competency in all duties for which the program or course is approved to instruct.
- (1) The location and number of general use equipment and armamentaria shall ensure that each student has the access necessary to develop minimum competency in all of the duties for which the program or course is approved to instruct. The program or course provider may either provide the specified equipment and supplies or require that the student provide them. Nothing in this section shall preclude a dental office that contains the equipment required by this section from serving as a location for laboratory instruction.
- (2) The minimum requirement for armamentaria includes infection control materials specified by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health and the regulations of the board, protective eyewear, mask, and gloves for each student and faculty member, and appropriate eye protection for each piece of equipment.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall be of sufficient duration to allow the procedures to be performed to clinical proficiency. Operatories shall be sufficient in number to allow a ratio of at least one operatory for every five students who are simultaneously engaged in clinical instruction.
- (A) Each operatory shall contain functional equipment, including a power-operated chair for treating patients in a supine position, operator and assistant stools, air-water syringe, adjustable light, oral evacuation equipment, work surface, and adjacent hand-washing sink.
- (B) Each operatory shall be of sufficient size to simultaneously accommodate one student, one instructor, and one patient.
- (e) The program or course shall establish written clinical and laboratory protocols to ensure adequate asepsis, infection, and hazard control and disposal of hazardous wastes, that comply with the board's regulations and other federal, state, and local requirements. The program or course shall provide these protocols

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to all students, faculty, and appropriate staff to ensure compliance with these protocols. Adequate space shall be provided for preparing and sterilizing all armamentarium. All reusable armamentarium shall be sterilized and nonreusable items properly disposed.

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- (f) A written policy on managing emergency situations shall be made available to all students, faculty, and staff. All faculty and staff involved in the direct provision of patient care shall be certified in basic life support procedures, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Recertification intervals may not exceed two years. The program or course director shall ensure and document compliance by faculty and staff. A program or course shall not be required to ensure that students complete instruction in basic life support prior to performing procedures on patients.
- (g) A detailed program or course outline shall clearly state curriculum subject matter and specific instruction hours in the individual areas of didactic, laboratory, and clinical instruction. General program or course objectives and specific instructional unit objectives shall be stated in writing, and shall include theoretical aspects of each subject as well as practical application. Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress toward attainment of specific program or course objectives. Students shall be provided with all of the following:
- (1) Specific unit objectives and the evaluation criteria that will be used for all aspects of the curriculum including written, practical, and clinical examinations.
- (2) Standards of performance that state the minimum number of satisfactory performances that are required for each procedure.
- (3) Standards of performance for laboratory, preclinical, and clinical functions, those steps that constitute a critical error and would cause the student to fail the procedure, and a description of each of the grades that may be assessed for each procedure.
- (h) (1) If an extramural clinical facility is utilized, students shall, as part of an extramural organized program of instruction, be provided with planned, supervised clinical instruction. Laboratory and preclinical instruction shall be performed under
- 38 the direct supervision of program or course faculty and shall not
- 39 be provided in extramural facilities.

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(2) The program or course director, or a designated faculty member, shall be responsible for selecting extramural clinical sites and evaluating student competence in performing procedures both before and after the clinical assignment.

- (3) The program or course director, or a designated faculty member, shall orient dentists who intend to provide extramural clinical facilities prior to the student assignment. Orientation shall include the objectives of the program or course, the student's preparation for the clinical assignment, and a review of procedures and criteria to be used by the dentist in evaluating the student during the assignment. The program or course faculty and extramural clinic personnel shall use the same objective evaluation criteria.
- (4) There shall be a written contract of affiliation with each extramural clinical facility, which shall describe the settings in which the clinical training will be received, and affirm that the dentist and clinic personnel acknowledge the legal scope of duties and infection control requirements, that the clinical facility has the necessary equipment and armamentaria appropriate for the procedures to be performed, and that the equipment and armamentaria are in safe operating condition.
- SEC. 31. Section 1756 of the Business and Professions Code is amended and renumbered to read:

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- 1753.1. (a) The board shall license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions a person who satisfies all of the following *eligibility* requirements:
 - (1) Status as a registered dental assistant.
- (2) Completion of clinical training approved by the board in a facility affiliated with a dental school under the direct supervision of the dental school faculty.
- (3) Satisfactory performance on an examination required by theboard.
 - (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.
- 37 SEC. 32. Section 1756 is added to the Business and Professions 38 Code, to read:

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1756. In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, the following criteria shall be met by a course in infection control, to secure and maintain approval by the board:

- (a) Adequate provisions for the supervision and operation of the course in infection control shall be made. Notwithstanding Section 1755, faculty shall not be required to be licensed by the board, but faculty shall have experience in the instruction of the infection control regulations and guidelines issued by the board and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-DOSH). In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, all faculty responsible for clinical evaluation shall have completed a two-hour methodology course in clinical evaluation.
- (b) A course in infection control shall be of sufficient duration for the student to develop minimum competency in all aspects of infection control regulations and guidelines issued by the board and Cal-DOSH, but in no event less than eight hours, including at least four hours of didactic instruction, at least two hours of laboratory or preclinical instruction, and at least two hours of clinical instruction. Preclinical instruction shall utilize instruments, surfaces, and situations where contamination is simulated, without actual contamination, from bloodborne and other pathogens being present.
- (c) The minimum requirements for equipment and armamentaria shall include personal protective equipment, FDA-approved sterilizer, ultrasonic unit or instrument processing device, sharps container, selection of instruments, equipment, and armamentaria that are necessary to instruct or demonstrate proper hazardous waste disposal, consistent with Cal-DOSH regulations, local, state, and federal mandates, and all other armamentaria required to instruct or properly demonstrate the subjects described in the course content.
- (d) Areas of instruction shall include, at a minimum, the instruction specified in subdivisions (e) and (f).
- (e) Didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, the following as they relate to the infection control regulations of the board and of Cal-DOSH:
- 37 (1) Basic dental science and microbiology as they relate to 38 infection control in dentistry.
 - (2) Legal and ethical aspects of infection control procedures.

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(3) Terms and protocols specified in the regulations of the board regarding the minimum standards for infection control.

- (4) Principles of modes of disease transmission and prevention.
- (5) Principles, techniques, and protocols of hand hygiene, personal protective equipment, surface barriers and disinfection, sterilization, sanitation, and hazardous chemicals associated with infection control.
- (6) Principles and protocols of sterilizer monitoring and the proper loading, unloading, storage, and transportation of instruments to work area.
- (7) Principles and protocols associated with sharps management.
- (8) Principles and protocols of infection control for laboratory areas.
 - (9) Principles and protocols of waterline maintenance.
- (10) Principles and protocols of regulated and nonregulated waste management.
- (11) Principles and protocols related to injury and illness prevention, hazard communication, general office safety, and monitoring systems for radiation safety and sterilization systems.
- (f) Preclinical instruction shall include three experiences in the following areas, with one used for a practical examination. Clinical instruction shall include two experiences in the following areas, with one used for a clinical examination:
- (1) Apply hand cleansing products and perform hand cleansing techniques and protocols.
- (2) Apply, remove, and dispose of patient treatment gloves, utility gloves, overgloves, protective eyewear, masks, and clinical attire.
- (3) Apply the appropriate techniques and protocols for the preparation, sterilization, and storage of instruments including, at a minimum, application of personal protective equipment, precleaning, ultrasonic cleaning, rinsing, sterilization wrapping, internal or external process indicators, labeling, sterilization, drying, storage, and delivery to work area.
 - (4) Preclean and disinfect contaminated surfaces and devices.
- (5) Maintain sterilizer including, at a minimum, proper instrument loading and unloading, operation cycle, spore testing, and handling and disposal of sterilization chemicals.

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(6) Apply work practice controls as they relate to the following classification of sharps: anesthetic needles or syringes, orthodontic wires, and broken glass.

- (7) Apply infection control protocol for the following laboratory devices: impressions, bite registrations, and prosthetic appliances.
- (8) Perform waterline maintenance, including use of water tests and purging of waterlines.
- (g) Each student shall pass a written examination that reflects the curriculum content, which may be administered at intervals throughout the course as determined by the course director.
- SEC. 33. Section 1756.1 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1756.1. In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, the following criteria shall be met by a orthodontic assistant permit course to secure and maintain approval by the board. The board may approve orthodontic assistant permit courses prior to January 1, 2010, and recognize the completion of orthodontic assistant permit courses by students prior to January 1, 2010, but the board may not issue an orthodontic assistant permit to students graduating from orthodontic assistant permit courses until on or after January 1, 2010.
- (a) The course shall be of sufficient duration for the student to develop minimum competence in all of the duties that orthodontic assistant permitholders are authorized to perform, but in no event less than 84 hours, including at least 24 hours of didactic instruction, at least 28 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 32 hours of clinical instruction.
- (b) The minimum requirements for equipment and armamentaria shall include banded or bonded orthodontic typodonts, bench mount or dental chair mounted mannequin head, curing light, regular typodont with full dentition or soft gingiva in the ratio of at least one for every three students, and a selection of orthodontic instruments and adjunct material for all of the procedures that orthodontic assistant permitholders are authorized to perform.
- (c) All faculty responsible for clinical evaluation shall have completed a two-hour methodology course in clinical evaluation.
- (d) Areas of instruction shall include, at a minimum, the instruction specified in subdivisions (e) to (j), inclusive. In addition to the requirements of those subdivisions, instruction shall include basic background information on orthodontic practice, including

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1 orthodontic treatment review, charting, patient education, and 2 legal and infection control requirements as they apply to 3 orthodontic practice.

- (e) The following requirements shall be met for sizing, fitting, cementing, and removing orthodontic bands:
 - (1) Didactic instruction shall include the following:
 - (A) Theory of band positioning and tooth movement.
- (B) Characteristics of band material including malleability, stiffness, ductility, and work hardening.
- (C) Techniques for orthodontic banding and removal, including all of the following:
 - (i) Armamentaria.

- (ii) General principles of fitting and removing bands.
- (iii) Normal placement requirements of brackets, tubes, lingual sheaths, lingual cleats, and buttons onto bands.
- (iv) Orthodontic cements and adhesive materials: classifications, armamentaria, and mixing technique.
- (v) Cementing bands: armamentaria, mixing technique, and band cementation procedures.
 - (vi) Procedure for removal of bands after cementation.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include typodont experience in the sizing, fitting, cementing, and removal of four posterior first molar bands a minimum of two times, with the cementing and removal of two first molar bands used as a practical examination.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include the sizing, fitting, cementing, and removal of four posterior first molar bands on at least two patients.
- (f) The following requirements shall be met for preparing teeth for bonding:
- (1) Didactic instruction shall include the following: chemistry of etching materials and tooth surface preparation, application and time factors, armamentaria, and techniques for tooth etching.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include typodont experience with etchant application in preparation for subsequent bracket bonding on four anterior and four posterior teeth a minimum of four times each, with one of each of the four times used for a practical examination.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include etchant application in preparation for bracket bonding on anterior and posterior teeth on at least two patients.

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(g) The following requirements shall be met for bracket positioning, bond curing, and removal of orthodontic brackets.

- (1) Didactic instruction shall include the following:
- 4 (A) Characteristics and methods of orthodontic bonding.
 - (B) Armamentaria.

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- (C) Types of bracket bonding surfaces.
- 7 (D) Bonding material characteristics, application techniques, 8 and curing time factors.
 - (E) Procedure for direct and indirect bracket bonding.
 - (F) Procedures for bracket or tube removal.
 - (2) Laboratory instruction shall include typodont experience with selecting, prepositioning, tooth etching, positioning, curing and removing of four anterior and four posterior brackets a minimum of four times each, with one each of the four times used for a practical examination.
 - (3) Clinical instruction shall include selecting, adjusting, prepositioning, etching, curing and removal of anterior and posterior brackets on at least two patients.
 - (h) The following requirements shall be met for archwire placement and ligation:
 - (1) Didactic instruction shall include the following:
 - (A) Archwire characteristics.
 - (B) Armamentaria.
 - (C) Procedures for placement of archwire previously adjusted by the dentist.
 - (D) Ligature systems, purpose and types, including elastic, wire, and self-ligating.
 - (2) Laboratory instruction shall include typodont experience on the following:
 - (A) The insertion of a preformed maxillary and mandibular archwire a minimum of four times per arch, with one of each of the four times used for a practical examination.
 - (B) Ligation of maxillary and mandibular archwire using elastic or metal ligatures or self-ligating brackets a minimum of four times per arch, with one of each of the four times used for a practical examination.
 - (3) Clinical instruction shall include the following:
- 38 (A) Insertion of a preformed maxillary and mandibular archwire 39 on at least two patients.

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(B) Ligating both preformed maxillary and mandibular archwires using a combination of elastic and metal ligatures or self-ligating brackets on at least two patients for each.

- (i) The following requirements shall be met for cement removal with a hand instrument:
- (1) Didactic instruction shall include, armamentaria and techniques of cement removal using hand instruments and related materials.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include typodont experience on the removal of excess cement supragingivally from an orthodontically banded typodont using a hand instrument four times, with one of the four times used for a practical examination.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include removal of excess cement supragingivally from orthodontic bands with a hand instrument on at least two patients.
- (j) Instruction for cement removal with an ultrasonic scaler shall be in accordance with the regulations of the board governing courses in the removal of excess cement from teeth under orthodontic treatment with an ultrasonic scaler.
- (k) Each student shall pass a written examination that reflects the curriculum content, which may be administered at intervals throughout the course as determined by the course director.
- SEC. 34. Section 1756.2 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1756.2. In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, the following criteria shall be met by a dental sedation assistant permit course to secure and maintain approval by the board. The board may approve a dental sedation assistant permit course prior to January 1, 2010, and recognize the completion of these courses by students prior to January 1, 2010, but the board may not issue a dental sedation assistant permit to students graduating from dental sedation assistant permit courses until on or after January 1, 2010. As used in this section, "IV" means "intravenous."
- (a) (1) The course director or faculty may, in lieu of a license issued by the board, possess a valid, active, and current license issued in California as a registered nurse or a physician and surgeon.
- (2) All faculty responsible for clinical evaluation shall have completed a two-hour methodology course in clinical evaluation.

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(b) The course shall be of a sufficient duration for the student to develop minimum competence in all of the duties that dental sedation assistant permitholders are authorized to perform, but in no event less than 110 hours, including at least 40 hours of didactic instruction, at least 32 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 38 hours of clinical instruction.

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- (c) (1) The following are minimum requirements for equipment and armamentaria: one pulse oximeter for each six students; one automatic electronic defibrillator or defibrillator trainer; one capnograph or teaching device for monitoring of end tidal CO_2 ; blood pressure cuff and stethoscope for each six students; one for stethoscope each pretracheal six students; electrocardiogram machine, one automatic blood pressure/pulse measuring system/machine, and one oxygen delivery system including oxygen tank; one IV start kit for each student, one venous access device kit for each student; IV equipment and supplies for IV infusions including hanging device infusion containers and tubing for each six students; one sharps container for each six students; packaged syringes, needles, needleless devices, practice fluid ampules and vials for each student, stop watch or timer with second hand for each six students; one heart/lung sounds mannequin or teaching device; tonsillar or pharyngeal suction tip, endotrachial tube forceps, endotracheal tube and appropriate connectors, suction equipment for aspiration of oral and pharyngeal cavities, and laryngoscope in the ratio of at least one for each six students; any other monitoring or emergency equipment that the regulations of the board require for the administration of general anesthesia or conscious sedation; and a selection of instruments and supplemental armamentaria for all of the procedures that dental sedation assistant permitholders are authorized to perform.
- (2) Each operatory shall contain either a surgery table or a power-operated chair for treating patients in a supine position, an irrigation system or sterile water delivery system as they pertain to the specific practice, and all other equipment and armamentarium required to instruct in the duties that dental sedation assistant permitholders are authorized to perform.
- (3) All students, faculty, and staff involved in the direct provision of patient care shall be certified in basic life support procedures, including the use of an automatic electronic defibrillator.

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(d) Areas of instruction shall include, at a minimum, the instruction specified in subdivisions (e) to (n), inclusive, as they relate to the duties that dental sedation assistant permitholders are authorized to perform.

- (e) General didactic instruction shall include:
- (1) Characteristics of general body anatomy and systems including the vascular system and nervous system and the physiology of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- (2) Characteristics of anxiety management related to the surgical patient, relatives, and escorts, and characteristics of anxiety and pain reduction techniques.
- (3) Overview of the classification of drugs used by patients for cardiac disease, respiratory disease, hypertension, diabetes, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases.
- (4) Overview of specific drug groups utilized for sedation and general anesthesia.
- (5) Overview of specific drug groups utilized for medical emergencies.
- (f) (1) Didactic instruction shall also include an overview of medical emergencies, including, but not limited to, airway obstruction, bronchospasm or asthma, laryngospasm, allergic reactions, syncope, cardiac arrest, cardiac dysrhythmia, seizure disorders, hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia, drug overdose, hyperventilation, acute coronary syndrome including angina and myocardial infarction, and congestive heart failure.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include the simulation and response to at least the following medical emergencies: airway obstruction, bronchospasm, emesis and aspiration of foreign material under anesthesia, angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, hypotension, hypertension, cardiac arrest, allergic reaction, convulsions, hypoglycemia, syncope, and respiratory depression. Both training mannequins and other students or staff may be used for simulation. Instruction shall include at least two experiences each, one of each of which shall be used for a practical examination.
- (g) Didactic instruction shall include the following with respect to oral sedation and the pediatric patient:
 - (1) Psychological considerations.
- 39 (2) Patient evaluation and selection factors through review of 40 medical history, physical assessment, and medical consultation.

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(3) Definitions and characteristics of levels of sedation achieved with general anesthesia and sedative agents, with special emphasis on the distinctions between conscious sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia.

- (4) Review of respiratory and circulatory physiology and related anatomy, with special emphasis on establishing and maintaining a patent airway.
- (5) Overview of pharmacology agents used in contemporary sedation and general anesthesia.
 - (6) Patient monitoring.

- (7) Obtaining informed consent.
- (8) Prevention, recognition, and management of complications, including principles of basic life support.
- (h) With respect to physically, mentally, and neurologically compromised patients, didactic instruction shall include the following: characteristics of medical conditions including Alzheimer's disease, autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, mental retardation, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, Parkinson's disease, schizophrenia, and stroke.
- (i) With respect to health history and patient assessment, didactic instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the recording of the following:
- (1) Age, sex, weight, physical status (American Society of Anesthesiologists Classification), medication use, general health, any known or suspected medically compromising conditions, rationale for anesthesia or sedation of the patient, visual examination of the airway, and auscultation of the heart and lungs as medically required.
- (2) General anesthesia or conscious sedation records including a time-oriented record with preoperative, multiple interoperative, and postoperative pulse oximetry and blood pressure and pulse readings, amounts of time of drug administration, length of procedure, complications of anesthesia or sedation, and a statement of the patient's condition at time of discharge.
- (j) (1) With respect to monitoring heart sounds with pretracheal/precordial stethoscope and ECG/EKG and use of defibrillator, didactic instruction shall include the following:
 - (A) Characteristics of pretracheal/precordial stethoscope.
- (B) Review of anatomy and physiology of circulatory system: heart, blood vessels, and cardiac cycle as it relates to EKG.

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1 (C) Characteristics of rhythm interpretation and waveform 2 analysis basics.

- (D) Characteristics of manual intermittent and automatic blood pressure and pulse assessment.
 - (E) Characteristics and use of a defibrillator.
- (F) Procedure for using a pretracheal/precordial stethoscope for monitoring of heart sounds.
- (G) Procedure for use and monitoring of the heart with an ECG/EKG machine, including electrode placement, the calibration of such equipment.
- (H) Procedure for using manual and automatic blood pressure/pulse/respiration measuring system.
- (2) Preclinical and clinical instruction shall include at least three experiences on another student or staff person for each of the following, one of each of which shall be used for a clinical examination:
- (A) Assessment of blood pressure and pulse both manually and utilizing an automatic system. Instruction shall include the calibration of such equipment.
- (B) Placement and assessment of an electrocardiogram (ECG/EKG). Instruction shall include the calibration of such equipment.
- (C) Monitoring and assessment of heart sounds with a pretracheal/precordial stethoscope.
 - (D) Use of a defibrillator or defibrillator trainer.
- (k) (1) With respect to monitoring lung/respiratory sounds with pretracheal/precordial stethoscope and monitoring oxygen saturation end tidal CO_2 with pulse oximeter and capnograph, didactic instruction shall include the following:
- (A) Characteristics of pretracheal/precordial stethoscope, pulse oximeter and capnograph for respiration monitoring.
- (B) Review of anatomy and physiology of respiratory system to include the nose, mouth, pharynx, epiglottis, larynx, trachea, bronchi, bronchioles, and alveolus.
- (C) Characteristics of respiratory monitoring/lung sounds: mechanism of respiration, composition of respiratory gases, oxygen saturation.
- 38 (D) Characteristics of manual and automatic respiration 39 assessment.

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(E) Procedure for using a pretracheal/precordial stethoscope for respiration monitoring.

- (F) Procedure for using and caring for pulse oximeter for monitoring oxygen saturation.
- (G) Procedure for use, care, and maintenance for capnograph for monitoring end tidal CO_2 levels.
- (H) Characteristics for monitoring blood and skin color and other related factors.
 - (I) Procedures and use of an oxygen delivery system.
- (J) Characteristics of airway management to include armamentaria and use.
- (2) Clinical and preclinical instruction shall include at least three experiences on a student or staff person for each of the following, one of each of which shall be used for a clinical examination:
- (A) Assessment of respiration rates both visually and utilizing an automatic system. Instruction shall include the calibration of such equipment.
- (B) Monitoring and assessment of lung sounds and ventilation with a pretracheal/precordial stethoscope.
 - (C) Monitoring oxygen saturation with a pulse oximeter.
 - (D) Use of an oxygen delivery system.
- (l) (1) With respect to drug identification and draw, didactic instruction shall include:
- (A) Characteristics of syringes and needles including use, types, gauges, lengths, and components.
- (B) Characteristics of drug, medication, and fluid storage units, use, type, components, identification of label including generic and brand names, strength, potential adverse reactions, expiration date, and contraindications.
- (C) Characteristics of drug draw including armamentaria, label verification, ampule and vial preparation, and drug withdrawal techniques.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include at least three experiences in the withdrawal of fluids from a vial or ampule in the amount specified by faculty, one of which shall be for a practical examination.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include at least three experiences in the evaluation of vial or container labels for identification of content, dosage, and strength and in the withdrawal of fluids from

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1 a vial or ampule in the amount specified by faculty or the 2 extramural facility dentist.

- 3 (m) (1) With respect to adding drugs, medications, and fluids to IV lines, didactic instruction shall include:
 - (A) Characteristics of adding drugs, medications, and fluids to IV lines in the presence of a licensed dentist.
 - (B) Armamentaria.

- (C) Procedures for adding drugs, medications, and fluids, including amount and time intervals.
- (D) Procedures for adding drugs, medications, and fluids by IV bolus.
- (E) Characteristics of patient observation for signs and symptoms of drug response.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include at least three experiences of adding fluids to an existing IV line on a venipuncture training arm or in a simulated environment, one of which shall be used for a practical examination.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include at least three experiences adding fluids to existing IV lines on at least three patients in the presence of a licensed dentist.
- (n) (1) With respect to the removal of IV lines, didactic instruction shall include overview and procedures for the removal of an IV line.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include at least three experiences on a venipuncture training arm or in a simulated environment for IV removal, one of which shall be used for a practical examination.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include at least three experiences removing IV lines on at least three patients in the presence of a licensed dentist.
- (o) Each student shall pass a written examination that reflects the curriculum content, which may be administered at intervals throughout the course as determined by the course director.
- SEC. 35. Section 1757 of the Business and Professions Code is amended and renumbered to read:
- 36 1757.
 - 1753.6. (a) Each person who holds a license as a registered dental assistant in extended functions on the effective operative date of this section may only perform those procedures that a registered dental assistant is allowed to perform as specified in

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and limited by subdivision (b) of Section 1752.6 1752.4, and the procedures listed in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (14) of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1 specified in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, until he or she provides evidence of having completed a board-approved course or courses in the additional procedures specified in paragraphs (8) to (13) (1), (2), (5), and (7) to (11), inclusive, of subdivision (b) of Section 1753.1 1753.5, and an examination in those additional procedures as specified by the board. as specified in Section 1753.4:

- (1) Cord retraction of gingivae for impression procedures.
- (2) Take final impressions for permanent indirect restorations.
- (3) Formulate indirect patterns for endodontic post and core castings.
 - (4) Fit trial endodontic filling points.
 - (5) Apply pit and fissure sealants.

- (6) Remove excess cement from subgingival tooth surfaces with a hand instrument.
 - (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.
- SEC. 36. Section 1757 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1757. (a) A registered dental assistant program shall receive board approval prior to operation.
- (1) In order for a registered dental assistant program to secure and maintain approval by the board, it shall meet the requirements of Section 1755 and the following requirements:
- (A) Programs approved on or after January 1, 2009, shall meet all of the requirements of this section.
- (B) Programs approved prior to January 1, 2009, shall meet all of the requirements of this section except as otherwise specified.
- (2) A program shall notify the board in writing if it wishes to increase the maximum student enrollment for which it is approved and shall provide whatever additional documentation the board requires to reapprove the program for the increased enrollment prior to accepting additional students.
- (3) The board may at any time conduct a thorough evaluation of an approved educational program's curriculum and facilities to determine whether the program meets the requirements for continued approval.

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(4) The board may, in lieu of conducting its own investigation, accept the findings of any commission or accreditation agency approved by the board and adopt those findings as its own.

- (b) Programs shall have an advisory committee consisting of an equal number of registered dental assistants and dentists, including at least two registered dental assistants and two dentists, all currently licensed by the board. The advisory committee shall meet at least once each academic year with the program director, faculty, and appropriate institutional personnel to monitor the ongoing quality and performance of the program. Programs that admit students at different phases shall meet at least twice each year.
- (c) Adequate provision for the supervision and operation of the program shall be made. In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, the following requirements shall be met:
- (1) Each program faculty member shall have successfully completed a board-approved course in the application of pit and fissure sealants.
- (2) By January 1, 2010, each faculty member shall have completed a board-approved course in instructional methodology of at least 30 hours, unless he or she holds any one of the following: a postgraduate degree in education, a Ryan Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credential, a Standard Designated Subjects Teaching Credential, or, a Community College Teaching Credential. Each faculty member employed on or after January 1, 2010, shall complete a course in instructional methodology within six months of employment.
- (3) The program director shall have teaching responsibilities that are less than those of a full-time faculty member. He or she shall actively participate in and be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the program including the following:
- (A) Participating in budget preparation and fiscal administration, curriculum development and coordination, determination of teaching assignments, supervision and evaluation of faculty, establishment of mission criteria and procedures, design and operation of program facilities, and selection of extramural facilities and coordination of instruction in those facilities.
- (B) Holding periodic faculty meetings to provide for subject matter correlation and curriculum evaluation, and coordinating activities of full-time, part-time, and volunteer faculty.

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(C) Maintaining for not less than five years copies of minutes of all advisory committee meetings.

- (4) The owner or school administrator shall be responsible for the compliance of the program director with the provisions of this section and Section 1755.
- (d) The program shall have sufficient financial resources available to support the program and to comply with this section. If the program or school requires approval by any other governmental agency, that approval shall be obtained prior to application to the board for approval and shall be maintained at all times. The failure to maintain that approval shall result in the automatic withdrawal of board approval of the program.
- (e) The program shall be of sufficient duration for the student to develop minimum competence in performing dental assistant and registered dental assistant duties, but in no event less than 800 hours, including at least 275 hours of didactic instruction, at least 260 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 85 hours of preclinical and clinical instruction conducted in the program's facilities under the direct supervision of program faculty. No more than 180 hours of clinical instruction may be conducted at an externship site or extramural facility. A program approved prior to January 1, 2009, shall comply with board regulations with regard to required program hours until the earlier of July 1, 2010, or the date on which the program certifies to the board that it will begin teaching the duties that registered dental assistants will be authorized to perform on and after January 1, 2010.
- (f) Facilities and class scheduling shall provide each student with sufficient opportunity, with instructor supervision, to develop minimum competency in all duties that registered dental assistants are authorized to perform. The following requirements are in addition to those contained in Section 1755:
- (1) The following are minimum requirements for equipment and armamentaria: an X-ray unit and X-ray mannequin for every five students, an amalgamator, model trimmers in the ratio of at least one for every seven students, dental rotary equipment and vibrators in the ratio of at least one for every three students, one light curing device for every five students, one functional typodont and bench mount for every two students, one functional orthodontically banded or bonded typodont for every four students, two facebows, one automated blood pressure and respiration device for every

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seven students, one EKG machine, three pulse oximeters, one capnograph or simulated device, one set of hand instruments for each procedure for every two students, and all other equipment and armamentaria required to teach dental assistant and registered dental assistant duties.

- (2) One permanently preassembled tray for each procedure shall be provided for reference purposes.
- (3) Provision shall be made for reasonable access to current and diverse dental and medical reference texts, current journals, audiovisual materials, and other necessary resources. Library holdings, which may include access through the Internet, shall include materials on the following subjects: nutrition, oral health education, preventive dentistry, dental materials, anesthesia and pain control, oral anatomy, oral histology, oral physiology, oral pathology, morphology, pharmacology, microbiology, chairside assisting, legal and ethical aspects of dentistry, radiology and radiation safety, sterilization and infection control, laboratory procedures, office emergency procedures, general dentistry, and specialty dentistry including, but not limited to, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics.
- (4) Emergency materials shall include, but not be limited to, an oxygen tank that is readily available and functional. Medical materials for treating patients with life-threatening conditions shall be available for instruction and accessible to the operatories. Facilities that do not treat patients shall maintain a working model of a kit of such emergency materials for instructional purposes.
- (g) The organization of the curriculum shall be balanced and flexible, creating opportunities for adjustments to changes in the practice of dentistry and registered dental assisting. Programs that admit students at different phases shall provide students with an orientation that shall be successfully completed prior to participation in any other phase of the program and that shall include tooth anatomy, tooth numbering, and universal precautions, including instrument sterilization and infection control protocols associated with patient treatment.
- (h) In addition to the requirements of Section 1755 with regard to extramural instruction, no more than 180 hours of the required clinical instruction shall take place in extramural clinical facilities,

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and no more than 25 percent of extramural clinical instruction shall take place in a specialty dental practice.

- (i) (1) A program approved prior to January 1, 2009, shall comply with board regulations with regard to program content until the date that it certifies to the board that it will begin teaching all of the duties that registered dental assistants will be allowed to perform beginning January 1, 2010, after which time the program content shall meet the requirements of paragraph (2).
- (2) Programs receiving initial approval on or after January 1, 2009, shall meet all the requirements of Section 1755, and subdivisions (j) and (k) of this section, and shall include the following additional content:
- (A) A radiation safety course that meets all of the requirements of the regulations of the board.
- (B) A coronal polishing course that meets all of the requirements of the regulations of the board.
- (C) A pit and fissure sealant course that meets all of the requirements of the regulations of the board.
- (D) A course in basic life support provided by an instructor approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
- (3) On and after January 1, 2009, a program that desires to provide instruction in the following areas shall apply separately for approval to provide the following courses:
- (A) A course in the removal of excess cement with an ultrasonic scaler, which course shall meet the requirements of the regulations of the board.
- (B) A orthodontic assistant permitholder course that shall meet the requirements of Section 1756.1, except that a program shall not be required to obtain separate approval to teach the duties of placing ligature ties and archwires, removing orthodontic bands, and removing excess cement from surfaces of teeth with a hand instrument.
- (C) A dental sedation assistant permitholder course that shall meet the requirements of Section 1756.2.
- (j) General didactic instruction shall include, at a minimum, the following:
- 38 (1) Principles of general anatomy, physiology, oral embryology, 39 tooth histology, and head-neck anatomy.

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(2) Principles of abnormal conditions related to and including oral pathology, orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, pedodontics, oral surgery, prosthodontics, and esthetic dentistry.

- (3) Legal requirements and ethics related to scope of practice, unprofessional conduct, and, patient records and confidentiality.
- (4) Principles of infection control and hazardous communication requirements in compliance with the board's regulations and other federal, state, and local requirements.
- (5) Principles and federal, state, and local requirements related to pharmacology.
- (6) Principles of medical-dental emergencies and first aid management, including symptoms and treatment.
- (7) Principles of the treatment planning process including medical health history data collection, patient and staff confidentiality, and charting.
- (8) Principles of record classifications including management, storage, and retention protocol for all dental records.
- (9) Principles and protocols of special needs patient management.
- (10) Principles, protocols, and armamentaria associated with all dental assisting chairside procedures.
- (11) Principles, protocols, manipulation, use, and armamentaria for dental materials.
- (12) Principles and protocols for oral hygiene preventative methods including, plaque identification, toothbrushing and flossing techniques, and nutrition.
- (13) Principles, protocols, armamentaria, and procedures associated with operative and specialty dentistry.
- (14) Principles, protocols, armamentaria, and procedures for each duty that unlicensed dental assistants and registered dental assistants are allowed to perform.
- (k) Laboratory and clinical instruction shall be of sufficient duration and content for each student to achieve minimum competence in the performance of each procedure that an unlicensed dental assistant and registered dental assistant is authorized to perform.
- (l) Each student shall pass a written examination that reflects the curriculum content, which may be administered at intervals throughout the course as determined by the course director.

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SEC. 37. Section 1757.1 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

- 1757.1. Notwithstanding Section 1755, the following criteria shall be met for a course in instructional methodology, as specified in subdivision (c) of Section 1757, to secure and maintain approval by the board.
- (a) The course shall be established at the postsecondary educational level.
- (b) (1) The course director and each faculty member shall have the education or teaching experience necessary to teach instructional methodology. Possession of a teaching credential shall satisfy this requirement.
- (2) The course director shall have the education, background, and occupational experience necessary to understand and fulfill the course goals. The course director shall actively participate in and be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the course including the following:
 - (A) Conducting student assessments.

- (B) Maintaining for a period of not less than five years all of the following:
- (1) Copies of curricula, course outlines, objectives, and grading criteria.
- (2) Copies of faculty credentials, licenses, and certifications where applicable.
- (3) Individual student records, including those necessary to establish satisfactory completion of the course.
- (C) Informing the committee of any major change to the course content or faculty within 10 days of the change.
- (c) The course shall be of sufficient duration for the student to develop minimum competence in teaching methodology, but in no event less than 30 hours.
- (d) A certificate or other evidence of completion shall be issued to each student who successfully completes the course.
- (e) (1) Curriculum shall include content designed to prepare the student to teach effectively in an approved program utilizing a variety of teaching methodologies and learning styles.
- (2) A detailed course outline shall be provided to the committee that clearly states curriculum subject matter and specific instruction hours in the individual content areas and student assessment.

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(3) General program objectives and specific instructional unit objectives shall be stated in writing and shall include the theoretical and practical aspects of each subject. The theoretical aspects of the course shall provide the content necessary for students to make judgments regarding teaching methodology in vocational education.

- (4) Objective evaluation criteria shall be used for measuring student progress toward attainment of specific course objectives. Students shall be provided with specific unit objectives and evaluation criteria to be used for all aspects of the curriculum.
- (f) Areas of instruction shall include at least the following as they relate to teaching methodology strategies:
- (1) Introduction to the classroom environment: principles and key concepts of effective communication, group dynamics, conflict resolution, occupational safety, and cultural pluralism.
- (2) (A) Development of generalized program goals; objectives; course outlines; specific instructional objectives to include, cognitive, psychomotor, and affective; and a lesson plan development.
- (B) Identification of teaching modes and teaching medias, to include, at a minimum, lecture, small groups, demonstrations, laboratory and clinical practice, computerized learning, and individual teaching.
- (C) Development of written assessment and evaluation measures, to include, at a minimum, multiple choice, true or false, matching, completion, and essay testing writing.
- (D) Development of performance assessment and evaluation measures, to include, at a minimum, criteria for process and product evaluation, minimum number of satisfactory performances for psychomotor skills, and process and product evaluation forms.
 - (E) Development of student self-study assessment instruments.
- (g) Upon completion of the course, each student shall pass a written examination that reflects the curriculum content either through a comprehensive format or modular unit examination.
- SEC. 38. Section 1758 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:
- 1758. (a) In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, the following criteria shall be met by an educational program for registered dental assistants in extended functions (RDAEF) to secure and maintain approval by the board.

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(1) A program applying for approval to teach all of the duties specified in Section 1753 shall comply with all of the requirements of this section. The board may approve RDAEF programs referred to in Section 1753 prior to January 1, 2010, and recognize the completion of these approved programs by students prior to January 1, 2010, but shall not issue a license to students graduating from such programs until on or after January 1, 2010.

- (2) A program applying for approval to teach existing RDAEFs the additional duties specified in Section 1753.6 shall comply with all of the requirements of this section, except as follows:
- (A) The program shall be no less than 288 hours, including at least 76 hours of didactic instruction, at least 180 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 32 hours of clinical instruction.
- (B) Students shall not be required to complete instruction related to the placement of gingival retraction cord, the taking of final impressions for permanent indirect restorations, or the fitting of master and accessory points.
- (b) In order to be admitted to the program, each student shall possess a valid, active, and current license as a registered dental assistant issued by the board and shall provide evidence of successful completion of a board-approved pit and fissure sealant course.
- (c) Adequate provision for the supervision and operation of the program shall be made. Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 1755, the program director and each faculty member of an approved RDAEF program shall possess a valid, active, and current license as a dentist or an RDAEF. In addition to the requirements of Section 1755, all faculty members responsible for clinical evaluation shall have completed a six-hour teaching methodology course in clinical evaluation.
- (d) The program shall be of sufficient duration for the student to develop minimum competence in all of the duties that RDAEFs are authorized to perform, but in no event less than 380 hours, including at least 100 hours of didactic instruction, at least 200 hours of laboratory instruction, and at least 80 hours of clinical instruction. All instruction shall be provided under the direct supervision of program staff.
- 38 (e) The following requirements are in addition to the 39 requirements of Section 1755:

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(1) The following are minimum requirements for equipment and armamentaria:

- (A) Laboratory facilities with individual seating stations for each student and equipped with air, gas and air, or electric driven rotary instrumentation capability. Each station or operatory shall allow an articulated typodont to be mounted in a simulated head position.
- (B) Clinical simulation facilities that provide simulated patient heads mounted in appropriate position and accommodating an articulated typodont in an enclosed intraoral environment, or mounted on a dental chair in a dental operatory. Clinical simulation spaces shall be sufficient to permit one simulation space for each two students at any one time.
- (C) Articulated typodonts of both deciduous and permanent dentitions with flexible gingival tissues and with prepared teeth for each procedure to be performed in the laboratory and clinical simulation settings. One of each type of typodont is required for each student.
- (D) A selection of restorative instruments and adjunct materials for all procedures that RDAEFs are authorized to perform.
- (2) Notwithstanding Section 1755, there shall be at least one operatory for every two students who are simultaneously engaged in clinical instruction.
- (f) Areas of instruction shall include, at a minimum, the instruction specified in subdivisions (g) to (m), inclusive. In addition to the requirements of those subdivisions, didactic instruction shall include the following:
- (1) The following instruction as it relates to each of the procedures that RDAEFs are authorized to perform: restorative and prosthetic treatment review; charting; patient education; legal requirements; indications and contraindications; problem solving techniques; laboratory, preclinical, and clinical criteria and evaluation; and infection control protocol implementation.
- (2) Dental science, including dental and oral anatomy, histology, oral pathology, normal or abnormal anatomical and physiological tooth descriptions, tooth morphology, basic microbiology relating to infection control, and occlusion.
- (3) Characteristics and manipulation of dental materials related to each procedure.
 - (4) Armamentaria for all procedures.

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(5) Principles, techniques, criteria, and evaluation for performing each procedure, including implementation of infection control protocols.

- (6) Occlusion: the review of articulation of maxillary and mandibular arches in maximum intercuspation.
 - (7) Tooth isolation and matrix methodology review.
 - (g) General laboratory instruction shall include:

- (1) Rubber dam application for tooth isolation in both maxillary and mandibular arches and for deciduous and permanent dentitions. A minimum of four experiences per arch is required, with two anterior and two posterior applications, with one of the applications used for a practical examination.
- (2) Matrix placement for amalgam, and nonmetallic restorative material restorations in both primary and permanent dentitions, with three experiences for each cavity classification and for each material.
- (3) Base, liner, and etchant placement on three posterior teeth for each base, liner, or etchant, with one of the three teeth used for a practical examination.
- (h) Preliminary evaluation of the patient's oral health, including, but not limited to, charting, intraoral and extraoral evaluation of soft tissue, classifying occlusion, and myofunctional evaluation.
 - (1) Didactic instruction shall include the following:
- (A) Normal anatomical structures: oral cavity proper, vestibule, and lips.
- (B) Deviations from normal to hard tissue abnormalities to soft tissue abnormalities.
 - (C) Overview of classifications of occlusion and myofunction.
- (D) Sequence of oral inspection: armamentaria, general patient assessment, review of medical history form, review of dental history form, oral cavity mouth-mirror inspection, and charting existing conditions.
- (2) Preclinical instruction shall include performing an oral inspection on at least two other students.
- (3) Clinical instruction shall include performing an oral inspection on at least two patients, with one of the two patients used for a clinical examination.
- (i) (1) With respect to sizing, fitting, and cementing endodontic master points and accessory points, didactic instruction shall include the following:

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1 (A) Review of objectives, canal preparation, filling of root canal 2 space.

- (B) Description and goals of filling technique using lateral condensation techniques.
- (C) Principles and techniques of fitting, cementing master and accessory points using lateral condensation including, characteristics, manipulation, use of gutta percha and related materials, and criteria for an acceptable master and accessory points technique using lateral condensation.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include fitting master and cementing cones on extracted teeth or assimilated teeth with canals, with two experiences each on a posterior and anterior tooth.
- (j) With respect to gingival retraction, general instruction shall include:
- (1) Review of characteristics of tissue management as it relates to gingival retraction with cord and electrosurgery.
 - (2) Description and goals of cord retraction.
- (3) Principles of cord retraction, including characteristics and manipulation of epinephrine, chemical salts classification of cord, characteristics of single versus double cord technique, and techniques and criteria for an acceptable cord retraction technique.
- (k) (1) With respect to final impressions for permanent indirect and tooth-borne restorations, didactic instruction shall include the following:
 - (A) Review of characteristics of impression material and custom.
- (B) Description and goals of impression taking for permanent indirect restorations and tooth-borne prosthesis.
- (C) Principles, techniques, criteria, and evaluation of impression taking for permanent indirect restorations and tooth-borne prosthesis.
 - (2) Laboratory instruction shall include the following:
- (A) Cord retraction and final impressions for permanent indirect restorations, including impression taking of prepared teeth in maxillary and mandibular arches, one time per arch with elastomeric impression materials.
- (B) Impressions for tooth-borne removable prostheses, including taking a total of four impressions on maxillary and mandibular arches with simulated edentulous sites and rest preparations on at least two supporting teeth in each arch.

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(3) Clinical instruction shall include taking final impressions on five cord retraction patients, with one used for a clinical examination.

- (l) (1) With respect to placing, contouring, finishing, and adjusting direct restorations, didactic instruction shall include the following:
- (A) Review of cavity preparation factors and restorative material.
 - (B) Review of cavity liner, sedative, and insulating bases.
 - (C) Characteristics and manipulation of direct filling materials.
- (D) Amalgam restoration placement, carving, adjusting and finishing, which includes principles, techniques, criteria and evaluation, and description and goals of amalgam placement, adjusting and finishing in children and adults.
- (E) Glass-ionomer restoration placement, carving, adjusting, contouring and finishing, which includes, principles, techniques, criteria and evaluation, and description and goals of glass-ionomer placement and contouring in children and adults.
- (F) Composite restoration placement, carving, adjusting, contouring and finishing in all cavity classifications, which includes, principles, techniques, criteria, and evaluation.
- (2) Laboratory instruction shall include typondont experience on the following:
- (A) Placement of Class I, II, and V amalgam restorations in eight prepared permanent teeth for each classification, and in four deciduous teeth for each classification.
- (B) Placement of Class I, II, III, and V composite resin restorations in eight prepared permanent teeth for each classification, and in four deciduous teeth for each classification.
- (C) Placement of Class I, II, III, and V glass-ionomer restorations in four prepared permanent teeth for each classification, and in four deciduous teeth for each classification.
- (3) Clinical simulation and clinical instruction shall include experience with typodonts mounted in simulated heads on a dental chair or in a simulation laboratory as follows:
- (A) Placement of Class I, II, and V amalgam restorations in four prepared permanent teeth for each classification, with one of each classification used for a clinical examination.
- 39 (B) Placement of Class I, II, III, and V composite resin 40 restorations in four prepared permanent teeth for each

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1 classification, with one of each classification used for a clinical examination.

- (C) Placement of Class I, II, III, and V glass-ionomer restorations in four prepared permanent teeth for each classification, with one of each classification used for a clinical examination.
- (m) (1) With respect to adjusting and cementing permanent indirect restorations, didactic instruction shall include the following:
- (A) Review of fixed prosthodontics related to classification and materials for permanent indirect restorations, general crown preparation for permanent indirect restorations, and laboratory fabrication of permanent indirect restorations.
- (B) Interocclusal registrations for fixed prosthesis, including principles, techniques, criteria, and evaluation.
- (C) Permanent indirect restoration placement, adjustment, and cementation, including principles, techniques, criteria, and evaluation.
 - (2) Laboratory instruction shall include:
- (A) Interocclusal registrations using elastomeric and resin materials. Two experiences with each material are required.
- (B) Fitting, adjustment, and cementation of permanent indirect restorations on one anterior and one posterior tooth for each of the following materials, with one of each type used for a practical examination: ceramic, ceramometal, and cast metallic.
- (3) Clinical experience for interocclusal registrations shall be performed on four patients who are concurrently having final impressions recorded for permanent indirect restorations, with one experience used for a clinical examination.
- (n) Each student shall pass a written examination that reflects the curriculum content, which may be administered at intervals throughout the course as determined by the course director.
- SEC. 39. Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 25 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is amended and renumbered to read:
- 36 1770.
- *1753.7.* (a) A licensed dentist may simultaneously utilize in 38 his or her practice no more than two dental auxiliaries in extended 39 functions licensed pursuant to Sections-1756-1753.1 and 1768.

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- (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 40. Section 1770 of the Business and Professions Code, as amended by Section 26 of Chapter 588 of the Statutes of 2007, is amended and renumbered to read:
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- 8 1753.7. (a) A licensed dentist may simultaneously utilize in 9 his or her practice no more than three dental auxiliaries in extended 6 functions resistant dental assistants in extended functions licensed
- 10 functions registered dental assistants in extended functions licensed pursuant to Sections 1753 and 1768 Section 1753.
- 12 (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2010.